GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives in setting up the University Grants Commission in 1953 and the role expected to be played by the Commission to promote university education in the country;

(b) whether Government have at any time, reviewed the functioning of the UGC to assess achievements and the deficiencies/ shortcomings in its performance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures contemplated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) was set up in December, 1953 under a resolution (November, 1952) of the Government of India and was reconstituted as a corporate body in November, 1956 under the provisions of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956. The main functions of UGC are topromote and co-ordinate University education and determine and maintain the standard of teaching, examination and research in universities etc. UGC discharges these duties by allocating and disbursing grants to Central Universities/colleges and Deemed Universities for their maintenance and development and by recommending necessary measures towards that end.

(b) to (d): Central Government has not conducted any review of UGC in the recent years. However, as per the information furnished by the UGC, it has got the review of its activities done from time to time.